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SUBJECT: FRENCH REPRESENTATION AT TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE MEETING

1. CLAUDE COLLIN, HEAD OF MULTILATERAL RELATIONS SECTION OF DREE, TOLD EMBOFF THAT DREE DIRECTOR DE MOREL UNABLE ATTEND OCT 24 SESSION OF TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (TNC). IN HIS PLACE COLLIN WILL ATTEND AS HEAD OF FRENCH DELEGATION.

2. COLLIN SAID THAT NO THOUGHT HAS YET BEEN GIVEN AS TO WHOM WOULD SIT ON VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES TO BE SET UP. HE ADDE THAT OF COURSE STILL UNCLEAR PRECISELY WHAT SUB-COMMITTEES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BUT, EVEN IN INSTANCES WHERE CREAT IONG OF A GIVEN SUB-COMMITTEE ANTICIPATED, SUCH AS ONES FOR TARIFFS AND NON-TARRIF BARRIERS, NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE RE INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE.

3. HE SAID THAT PERSONNEL FOR MTN WILL BE DRAWN FROM PARIS STAFF
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OF APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES. THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL

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SHUTTLE BACK AND FORTH TO GENEVA AS NECESSARY. HE SAID PROSPECT OF SPENDING TWO TO FOUR DAYS IN GENEVA AND THEN RETURNING TO PARIS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT MEETINGS AND TAKE CARE OF OTHER DUTIES FOR AS LONG AS TWO YEARS IS CHORE WHICH MOST OF HIS STAFF DID NOT PARTIC-LARLY RELISH. HE ADDED THAT DREE WOULD BE PRIMARY ACTION AGENCY IN MTN AND ALL OF HIS STAFF IN MULTILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER PARTICIPATE IN GENEVSMNELPOS. IT WAS ALSO TRUE THAT MFA WOULD SHOULDER SIZEABLE PART OF NEGOTIATING BURDEN. HE SAID AMONG PERSONS WHO WOULD BE DEEPLY INVOLVED WOULD BE HIMSELF AND TWO OF HIS PINCIPAL ASSISTANTS, DE PANAFIEU AND
MLLE GUYOT, AND SOME OF BOCHET'S STAFF IN MFA (HE MENTIONED CLAUDE MARTIN SPECIFICALLY). IN ADDITION TO DREE AND MFA, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL WOULD ALSO BE QUITE ACTIVE. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, CUSTOMS PERSONNEL AS WELL AS TECHNICAL EXPERTS FOM OTHER MINISTRIES WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE AS NEEDED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WILL ATTEND FROM TIME TO TIME AS OBSERVERS.

4. FRENCH MISSION IN GENEVA IS MANNED BY TWO REPRESENTATIVES WITH A THIRD OFFICIAL SOON TO BE ADDED. COLLIN DOES NOT EXPECT ANY FURTHER INCREASE IN MISSION STAFF AND SAID MISSION'S ROLE DURING MTN BARGAINING WOULD BE MINIMAL.

5. DURING CONVERSATION COLLIN STRESSED VIEW THAT DISCUSSION OF AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS MUST TAKE PLACE IN AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMITTEE AND NOT IN ANY OTHER SUB-COMMITTEE. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT DURING PRE-BARGAINING PERIOD TNC SHOULD DEAL PRIMARILY WITH STRUCTURAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS SUCH AS KINDS OF SUBCOMMITTEE TO BE CREATED AND NOT DISCUSS METHODS SINCE THAT WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO BARGAINING.
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